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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Vickie Kim

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-16, 33-44 and 46-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-16 and 33-42 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 42-44, 46-51 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Application

1. Acknowledgement is made of amendment filed Dec. 21, 2004. Upon entering the amendment, claims 43, 44 and 46 are amended and claim 45 has been canceled. New claims 48-51 are added.

The claims 10-16, 33-44 and 46-51 are pending. The claims 43-44 and 46-51 are elected and presented for the examination. The claims 10-16, 33-42 are withdrawn from consideration as being a non-elected invention.

2. However, supplemental election requirement is necessitated by amendment filed Dec. 21, 2004. It is noted that 37 CFR 1.142(a), second sentence states: "if the distinctness and independence of the invention is clear, such requirement will be made before any action upon the merits however, it may be made at any time before final action in the case at the discretion of the examiner.". Thus, the instant restriction/election requirement is considered to be proper in timely manner.

3. A telephone call was made to Mrs. Chao, Fei Fei on 3/16/05 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Supplemental Election/Restrictions

Election of species requirement

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: genistein, terpeniol oleanolic acid, etc.

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Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

For example, the claim 43 is drawn to a composition comprising a CYP1A inhibitor (e.g. genestein or quercetin) whereas the claim 44 is drawn to a composition comprising CYP1A inhibitor (e.g. terpeniol). Claim 46 is generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising a CYP1A inhibitor (e.g. genestein, quercetin or terpeniol). As evidenced by numerous patented documents, a single disclosed species is patentably distinct species and thus, the searches for said species are burdensome, see supporting documents: US 6130254; US6471973, etc.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record

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showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Conclusion

1. The claims 43-44 and 46-51 (previously elected group) are now subject to supplemental election of species requirement.
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vickie Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-0579. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Low be reached on 571-272-0953. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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